

REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

In view of the cancellation of Claims 1, 5-6, and 15, claims 2-4, 7-14, and 16-23 are pending. Each of these claims has allowable subject matter as indicated on Page 5 of the outstanding Office Action.

Claim 20 has been amended to address the objection set forth on Page 2 of the Office Action. Further, the rejection of Claims 1, 5-6 and 15 is rendered moot, without admission as to its propriety.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applications respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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